

COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Friday, June 11, 2010

DECISION ITEM A-5: Academic Degree Programs on Which Staff Propose Expedited Action

Staff Recommendation

That the Commission for Higher Education approve by consent the following degree program(s), in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item:

- Associate of Science in Physical Therapist Assistant to be offered by Ivy Tech Community College-Sellersburg at Sellersburg
- Associate of Science in Education to be offered by Ivy Tech Community College-Kokomo at Logansport

Background

At its August and September 2004 meetings, the Commission for Higher Education began implementing a new policy on new academic degree programs on which staff proposes expedited action. These programs meet the criteria identified in that policy and are hereby presented for action by consent, in accordance with the aforementioned policy and the information presented in the supporting documents.

Supporting Documents

- (1) *Background Information on Academic Degree Programs on Which Staff Propose Expedited Action, May 28, 2010*
- (2) *Policy for New Academic Degree Programs on Which Staff Propose Expedited Action, September 2, 2004*

Background Information on Academic Degree Programs on Which Staff Propose Expedited Action

May 28, 2010

CHE 10-06 Associate of Science in Physical Therapist Assistant to be offered by Ivy Tech Community College-Sellersburg at Sellersburg

Proposal received on February 18, 2010
CIP Code: Federal – 510806; State – 510806
Projected Annual Headcount: 40; FTEs: 40; Degrees: 20
New State Funds Requested, Actual:
Year 1: \$ 0
Year 2: \$ 0
Year 3: \$ 0
Year 4: \$ 0
Year 5: \$ 0

Ivy Tech is authorized to offer this program at Gary and Muncie. Ivy Tech and IUPUI have worked out an articulation agreement whereby graduates of the PTA program will be able to apply their credits towards the B.S. in Health Sciences.

CHE 10-07 Associate of Science in Education to be offered by Ivy Tech Community College-Kokomo at Logansport

Proposal received on February 18, 2010
CIP Code: Federal – 130101; State – 130101
Projected Annual Headcount: 12; FTEs: 9; Degrees: 12
New State Funds Requested, Actual:
Year 1: \$ 47,749
Year 2: \$ 53,651
Year 3: \$ 56,651
Year 4: \$ 56,651
Year 5: \$ 56,962

Ivy Tech offers the A.S. in Education in all regions but does not currently offer it in Logansport. The articulation agreement previously developed by IU and Ivy Tech will apply to this degree.

Policy for New Academic Degree Programs on Which Staff Propose Expedited Action

September 2, 2004

Pursuant to the Commission's desire to expedite action on new academic degree program requests whenever possible, the staff has identified a set of factors, which though not exhaustive, suggest when a request might be considered for expedited action by consent and when a request would require Commission consideration prior to action. With respect to the latter, the presence of one or more of the following factors might suggest a significant policy issue for which Commission attention is needed before action can be taken:

- Consistency with the mission of the campus or institution
- Transfer of credit
- New program area
- New degree level for a campus
- Accreditation
- Unnecessary duplication of resources
- Significant investment of state resources

In the absence of these factors or an objection from another institution, Commission staff will propose expedited action on new program requests. Examples of situations that pose no policy issues for the Commission include, but are not limited to:

- Adding a second degree designation to an existing program (e.g. A.S. to an A.A.S.)
- Delivering an on-campus program to an off-campus site through faculty available on-site or traveling to the site
- Adding a degree elsewhere in a multi-campus system to a new campus within the system.

All requests to offer new academic degree programs must continue to be accompanied by a full program proposal, unless otherwise specified in the guidelines. It is only after a proposal is received that a determination will be suggested as to how the request might be handled.